



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Antoine Drouot  
SERIAL NO.: 09/672,182 EXAMINER: Anthony M. Mackowey  
FILED: September 28, 2000 ART UNIT: 2623  
FOR: METHOD OF PROCESSING AND CORRESPONDING  
FILTERING DEVICE

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action of the above referred to application, which  
applicant requests that examination be continued, kindly enter the following amendment: